Sl.No.	Country	Estimated Tourist Arrivals
1.	United Kingdom	538750
2.	USA	521789
3.	France	138130
4.	Canada	133191
5.	Sri Lanka	125690
6.	Germany	115730
7.	Japan	92998
8.	Malaysia	87116
9.	Australia	81625
10.	Nepal	72031

(c) The foreign exchange earnings from tourism during 2005 are estimated to be US$ 5731 million.

Promotion of Pilgrim Tourism in Rajasthan

1593. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have prepared any policy or plan to initiate and encourage Pilgrim Tourism in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have prepared any list of Pilgrim Centres as prime tourist attractions in Rajasthan;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Centre has allotted special grants/funds to Rajasthan to give boost to Pilgrim Tourism; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) and (b) Development and promotion of tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/UT Administrations. However, Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, extends financial assistance to the State Governments/ UT Administrations for tourism related projects which are identified and prioritized in consultation with them every year under the schemes Integrated Development of Tourist Circuits, Product/Infrastructure & Destination Development and Large Revenue Generating Projects.

(c) and (d) There is no specific list of Pilgrim Centres for any State/UT.

(e) and (f) The details of projects sanctioned for development of tourism including pilgrim tourism in Rajasthan during the current financial year are given in the enclosed Statement.

Statement

Details of projects sanctioned for promotion of Pilgrim Tourism in Rajasthan

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl. No	Name of the project	Amount sanctioned	Amount Released
1.	Mounting of Sound and Light Show at Amber Fort, Jaipur	129.26	116.33
2.	Development of Hawa Mahal and Jantar Mantar at Jaipur under Destination Development Scheme	464.32	371.45
3.	Integrated Development of Mewar-Vagad Circuit comprising of places in Udaipur-Rajsmand-Chittorgarh-Banswara-Doongerpur Districts as Tourist Circuit	580.00	464.00
4.	Development of Brij Bhoomi religious Tourist Circuit comprising of Mathura, Vrindavan, Barsana, Jheel, Kalia Devi, Poonchari, Neelkanth, Bharthrihari in Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh	477.07	381.65
5.	Integrated Development of Pushkar (District Ajmer as a Tourist Destination	434.04	347.23
6.	Conservation, Restoration and Preservation of Gagron Fort, Jhalawar District in Rajasthan under Destination Development	281.71	225.36**
7.	International Hot Air Ballooning as an Event in Rajasthan	15.00	12.00
	TOTAL	2381.40	1918.02

**Funds are being released.

Hike in entry fee for monuments by ASI

1594. SHRI S.M. LALIAN BASHA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) is going to hike the entry fee for all monuments in the country;

(b) whether ASI has made any distinctions between highly prized monuments in cities and in distant areas, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether ASI propose to increase the number of categories so as to bring about a uniform national system of fees; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?